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Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 8 with the following.

The present application is related to the following copending U.S. Patent Application: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. [[____]] 09/455,104 (Docket No. RP9-99-125) filed on 12/06/99, titled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SECURING A PERSONAL COMPUTER BUS." The above mentioned patent application is assigned to the assignee of the present invention. The content of the cross referenced copending application is incorporated herein by reference.

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